

## DEAL MADE IN GAS

C. P. Huntington Now Controls Detroit Gas Company

HAS \$3,000,000 OF ITS STOCK

The deal made with the City Council a Sale of Bonds and Huntington Bought Them.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—During the last three weeks C. P. Huntington, the New York millionaire, has been conducting negotiations with the MacMillan interests, looking to the control of the Detroit Gas company, and the deal has just been consummated, Huntington securing a majority of the stock. He had removed General Hubbard of New York from the vice presidency and elected one of his lieutenants, E. T. Lynch, and sent Lynch to Detroit to take general supervision of the company's affairs. The capital stock of the company is \$4,000,000. Huntington, shortly after the consummation of the three old companies, the Detroit Gas company, the Detroit and Michigan, got hold of within a few hundred thousand of \$2,000,000 of the stock. The litigation with the city, taken with the last time, practically closed the market for the sale of bonds to meet the payments of over \$1,000,000 coming due and the stockholders have seen fit to sell to Mr. Huntington enough to give him a controlling interest.

## WAS A COSTLY ACCIDENT.

Michigan Central's First Item of \$9,000 for the Jackson Victim.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 21.—The Michigan Central Railroad company has about completed the settlement of the expenses of those killed and injured in the wreck here October 12. The total bill foots up something near \$9,000, divided as follows: Undertaken bills for those who were killed, about \$1,500; board for the injured and their friends, \$1,000; nurses, \$1,000; doctors' bills, about \$2,500; dry goods and clothing, \$500; extras, such as hack hire, flowers and delicacies, \$300. Besides this, free transportation was given to any of the friends of the injured who desired to come here, and in one instance a gentleman was given transportation to and from Chicago five times, besides paying his board while here. The figures given above are exclusive of any settlements made between the company and those injured. The company also furnished free transportation to all the injured to their homes and sent nurses to care for them on the journey. It might be interesting to note in this connection that the cost of caring for the injured in the case of Michigan Central was \$2,000. The Hard house alone, aggregated about \$3,000.

## ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY.

Charles Miller's Bride Making His Life a Burden.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 21.—Charles Miller, who was arrested in November on the complaint of his bride, at Belding, charging him with paying her watch on the expense attending the wedding ceremony, was released from jail today after serving thirty days for stealing the watch. He was immediately re-arrested and taken to Belding for argument on a new warrant, his Belding bride charging him with bigamy. From letters received it looks as if Miller's wife No. 1 lived in Stillwater, Minnesota, having been married to him under the name of Lancaster, which is thought to be his real name. In Jackson, Michigan, last summer, the facts came out in a letter addressed to Miller at Belding, and opened by wife No. 2. It is also reported that Miller has served time in the Jackson prison.

## MICHIGAN CLUB.

Secretary Haigh Securing Talent for the Annual Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Henry A. Haigh, secretary of the Michigan club, who has been in the city a few days looking up speakers for the annual dinner of the Michigan club on Washington's birthday, has made satisfactory progress. He expects to be able to secure the attendance of Loren A. Thurston, who is the minister to the United States from Hawaii, and ex-Minister John H. Stevens of Maine. Mr. Haigh is sure of Stevens' return, as that Thurston will be there if he is not too busy at home. Even Chauncey Depew has promised to attend. Mr. Haigh has also received assurances from Ed O. Wolcott of Colorado.

## EMBEZZLER CAUGHT.

John Clegg of Houghton Robbed Money Order of \$600.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—John Clegg, the assistant postmaster of Houghton, Michigan, who was arrested at Galena, Illinois, as a defaulter, was brought before Commissioner Hoyes today. Clegg waived examination, and later on an order from Judge Grosvenor was turned over to the United States authorities of the western district of Michigan. Tonight Deputy Marshal Allen left with him for Marquette, where he will be delivered to the marshal there. Clegg is charged with embezzling about \$600 of money order funds.

## MICHIGAN MEN CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations: Secretaries of Public Money—E. C. Carter at Marquette, Michigan; Registers of Land Office—Joseph Patterson, Grayling, Michigan; Postmasters—Michigan—H. A. Scott, Ludington; H. A. Burd, Dowagiac; W. O. Hewson, Grayling; Henry W. Melvin of Indiana, was confirmed to be a commissioner in and for the district of Alaska, to reside in Juneau City.

## Did He Murder Her?

Saint Mary, Mich., Dec. 21.—Peter Frenkel of Berlin, in this county, was arrested today on suspicion of having murdered his wife, Mrs. Frenkel, mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago, and a search for her has yet been found. The preliminary examination of the prisoner was held today. Frenkel said he thought his wife had gone to visit Canadian friends.

## Found Her \$30,000.

HANDON, Mich., Dec. 21.—Erick Johnson began suit against the Quincy Mining company for \$30,000 damages, because he was injured by a falling log, which hit him on the head and left him almost a total idiot.

## Masonic Temple Burned.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 21.—The Masonic temple, built in 1880 at a cost of \$77,000, and for the first time in its history, was destroyed by a falling log, which hit it on the roof and left it in ruins, while everything on the ground

floor was spoiled by water. The total loss on building and contents will exceed \$100,000.

## Starving to Death

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TAX CHARITY TO ITS UTMOST

Mill Mill Hands From New England and New Jersey Flock Into Gotham.

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## CHARITY TO THE RESCUE.

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## Report of the Condition of the

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$22,571.25

Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc. 11,251.75

Furniture and fixtures 7,514.97

Real estate 415.00

Current expenses and taxes paid 4,232.75

Due from banks to reserve 500.00

Due from other banks and 500.00

Exchanges for clearing houses 1,762.83

Checks and cash items 1,222.07

Notes and bills discounted 500.00

U. S. and national bank notes 20,505.00

Total \$62,500.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$200,000.00

Surplus fund 15,000.00

Undivided profits 15,000.00